

SECRET

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9 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

VIA : CI/CA

SUBJECT: Request for Limited Operational Approval on HOSTRIL

This is to acknowledge that the undersigned have discussed the security ramifications of HOSTRIL with Messrs. [] [] and [] of CI/CA. We understand that there are numerous derogatory entries in Subject's files and a number of unresolved derogatory allegations concerning his character, reliability and motivation; however, we have a pressing need for certain operational services which Subject is in a unique position to render. Specifically we propose to send him to Amman, Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon, to initiate such operations as he may find feasible, utilizing his personal indigenous Giressian contacts. The primary target of these operations will be political and military information in Syria and the secondary target will be opposition elements within Jordan. We propose to offer Subject a contract for not more than 3 months' duration. Only a basic minimum of information will be exposed to Subject under this project and his operations will not be permitted to cross lines with any other existing or proposed operations of this Agency. Fully appreciating the derogatory items outstanding against Subject, we nevertheless request that he be permitted to use him for the purposes outlined above and are fully prepared to personally bear all responsibility for any risks which may be incurred as a result of our use of Subject.

*Review
Signed
Not submitted*

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